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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 39

13 September 1949

1. The following were present:

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Lt. Col. Wade

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- 2. The procedure set forth in Paragraph 3 of the minutes of NIS Committee Meeting No. 38 for release of NIS to non-IAC Government Agencies was unanimously approved.
- 3. State, Army, and Air Force members approved the release to non-IAC Agencies and specifically to the Department of Commerce (Chapters III, IV, VI, and IX) of NIS contributions already received in G/Ba. The Navy member stated that Navy still has this matter under consideration.
- 4. Navy reported that Navy's requirements for TOP SECRET NIS remain seventy-five (75) copies.
- 5. The proposals made at last meeting (Paragraph 8, minutes of NIS Committee Meeting No. 38) for treatment of Meteorological Facilities and Weather Forecasts were unanimously approved. It was agreed that Subsection A will be deleted from contributions already received for Sections 23 of NIS 26 (USSR) and the subject of Meteorological Facilities and Weather Forecasts for the USSR as a whole will be written up at a later date for inclusion in Part I of Chapter II, NIS 26.
- 6. It was unanimously agreed that JANIS 38 (Bulgaria), 40 (European USSR), and 41 (Caucasus) may be released

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- 7. The Chairman said that it appears, from general examination of NIS material published to date, that there may be a tendency to eliminate too much detail and to over-generalize. He pointed out the following:
 - a. A mere <u>Enclyclopedia</u> <u>Britannica</u> type of treatment gives adequate general information about a foreign area but does not give sufficient substance to serve as a basis for planning.

b. When Chapters II - IX of an NIS have been over-generalized, Chapter I, which is largely a summary of these chapters, is likely to become useless.

He said, with regard to Chapter I, that a restatement of the mission and characteristics of this chapter is under consideration but that, in his view, Chapter I should accomplish the following:

- a. Give a good over-all view of the area concerned.
- b. Indicate the significance of the basic intelligence presented.
- c. Integrate in any one section those aspects of other sections which serve to enhance the meaningfulness of the first.
- 8. Air Force submitted an advance copy of a list of NIS of which Air Force intelligence is to be entirely withheld

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- 9. The Chairman mentioned that a dispute between Army Map Service and BGN staff as to certain systems of transliteration of foreign names to be used is to be referred shortly to the Committee on Foreign Names, BGN. He stated that G/Ba's attitude is as follows:
 - a. BGN is by law the arbiter of geographic names for Government Agencies.
 - b. Certain systems of transliteration, not indisputably the best, have been adopted as standard by the BGN staff and a considerable amount of work has already been done by following these systems.
 - c. It would be very confusing to change standards at this time.
 - d. The transliterated names proposed by ALS may be accepted at this time as variants but the names adopted by the BGN staff should remain the principal standard until such time as gazetteers are revised.
- 10. The Chairman reminded members that Agencies are to indicate to G/Ba whether or not they desire the return of graphics already submitted to G/Ba. Thus far only Navy has indicated its desire (that all such graphics be returned). State, Army, and Air Force are to inquire further into the matter and report without delay.
- 11. The following report was made on the general progress of the Munitions Board Petroleum Committee in preparations for taking over

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responsibility for Subsections 62C (Petroleum) and Supplement V (Petroleum):

- a. The Committee is separating the broad petroleum requirements prepared by the NIS Petroleum Subcommittee into revised requirements for Subsection 62C and requirements for Supplement V. It will clear its recommendations through the NIS Petroleum Subcommittee to the NIS Committee for approval.
- b. The Petroleum Committee is preparing a list of Supplements V which will be required. This list also will be cleared through the NIS Petroleum Subcommittee to the NIS Committee for approval.
- c. The Petroleum Committee appears to have a clear picture of NIS requirements and appears anxious to accept the assignment of preparing Subsections 62C and Supplements V.
- d. Petroleum Committee representatives are preparing plans for a basic group to work on NIS petroleum requirements and will lay these plans before the Executive Secretary of the Petroleum Committee for approval.
- e. The Petroleum Committee is examining the feasibility of allocating certain NIS petroleum requirements to other government agencies now fitted to meet them.
- f. The Petroleum Committee representatives feel that their Committee can be in full production of NIS petroleum requirements by 1 July 1950. They may begin work on some Supplements V prior to that date.
- 12. The next meeting was set for Tuesday, 20 September 1949, 1000 hours at CIA.

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